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From: Robert Law

Sent: Tue 9/17/2013 9:25:40 PM **Subject:** Fwd: Hudson County

Stephanie:

I am forwarding this email from Hudson Co. as you requested. It is still subject to Group approval as we discussed this afternoon as well as coming to terms with Hudson County on opening fees and the County indemnifying the Group.

Please let us know how discussions with the USACE proceed.

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Spoke to Hudson County (Wally Wolfe who spoke to Harold Demellier).

The County "very recently" obtained a declaration from an engineer that the bridge can be swung open, making the County comfortable enough to allow that to occur over the next 3 weeks until the new installation begins. Therefore regular manual openings pose a financial constraint now rather than a technical one. If we need an indemnification, and to set up an escrow account to cover the \$3500 per opening cost (not sure if they factored in overnight hours on that), we may need a few days. Wednesday may be bad to get any agreement because of some type of dinner honoring the County Executive planned for that night. To get the accounts and indemnifications set up may take a freeholder resolution too. But first question has been answered, the County is willing to let the bridge be opened nightly if somebody else pays for it.

Can still set up a call with the County tomorrow to work through details, but perhaps it is time for the EPA to check the Army Corps contacts.

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